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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Ecore International, Inc.

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Lancaster
(EXCERPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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DEFENDANTS

Paul Downey and Pliteq, Inc.

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County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Ontario, Canada
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

1 U.S. Government Plaintiff 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)

2 U.S. Government Defendant 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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Citizen of This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL INJURY	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act
<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane	<input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment
<input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/ Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROPERTY RIGHTS	<input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust
<input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument	<input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander	<input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Injury Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights	<input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking
<input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent	<input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce
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<input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans)	<input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LABOR	<input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations
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<input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))	<input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/ Exchange
<input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	<input type="checkbox"/> 386 Other Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI	<input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions
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			<input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application	
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			<input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

1 Original Proceeding 2 Removed from State Court 3 Remanded from Appellate Court 4 Reinstated or Reopened 5 Transferred from Another District (specify) 6 Multidistrict Litigation

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
35 U.S.C. § 271

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Brief description of cause:
Patent infringement and conversion

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See Instructions):

JUDGE R. Barclay Surrick

DOCKET NUMBER 11-CV-6842

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

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RECEIPT #

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar.

Address of Plaintiff: Ecore International, Inc., 715 Fountain Avenue, Lancaster, PA, 17601

33 Craighurst Ave., Toronto, Ontario, Canada; 1370 Don Mills Road,

Address of Defendant: Unit 300, Toronto, Ontario, CanadaPlace of Accident, Incident or Transaction: Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
(Use Reverse Side For Additional Space)

Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock?

(Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a))

Yes No

Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities?

Yes No

RELATED CASE, IF ANY

Case Number: 11-CV-6843 Judge R. Barcley Surrick Date Terminated: Pending

Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions:

1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?

Yes No

2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?

Yes No

3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?

Yes No

4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual?

Yes No CIVIL: (Place in ONE CATEGORY ONLY)A. *Federal Question Cases:*

1. Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts
2. FELA
3. Jones Act-Personal Injury
4. Antitrust
5. Patent
6. Labor-Management Relations
7. Civil Rights
8. Habeas Corpus
9. Securities Act(s) Cases
10. Social Security Review Cases
11. All other Federal Question Cases
(Please specify) _____

B. *Diversity Jurisdiction Cases:*

1. Insurance Contract and Other Contracts
2. Airplane Personal Injury
3. Assault, Defamation
4. Marine Personal Injury
5. Motor Vehicle Personal Injury
6. Other Personal Injury (Please specify) _____
7. Products Liability
8. Products Liability — Asbestos
9. All other Diversity Cases
(Please specify) _____

ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION

(Check Appropriate Category)

I, Joseph Wolfson

, counsel of record do hereby certify:

 Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs; Relief other than monetary damages is sought.

DATE: _____

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Attorney-at-Law

Attorney I.D.#

NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38.

I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.

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DATE: _____

Attorney-at-Law

Attorney I.D.#

CIV. 609 (5/2012)



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

Ecore International, Inc. : CIVIL ACTION

v. :
Paul Downey and Pliteq, Inc. : NO.

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In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a Case Management Track Designation Form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:

- (a) Habeas Corpus – Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 through § 2255. ()
- (b) Social Security – Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits. ()
- (c) Arbitration – Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2. ()
- (d) Asbestos – Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos. ()
- (e) Special Management – Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases.) ()
- (f) Standard Management – Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks. (X)

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

ECORE INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Plaintiff

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v.

PAUL DOWNEY and
PLITEQ, INC.

Defendants

CIVIL ACTION NO:

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

FILED
APR 26 2016
By MICHAEL E. KUNZ, Clerk
Dep. ClerkCOMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Ecore International, Inc. (“Ecore”), by its undersigned counsel, hereby files its complaint against Defendants, Paul Downey (“Downey”) and Pliteq, Inc. (“Pliteq”) (collectively “Defendants”) for conversion and patent infringement and in support thereof, asserts as follows:

Parties

1. Plaintiff, Ecore, is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with its principal place of business located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
2. Prior to the change of its corporate name in 2008, Ecore operated under the name Dodge-Regupol, Inc. (“DRI”). To eliminate confusion, DRI will be referred to in this Complaint as Ecore.
3. Defendant, Downey, is an individual and resident of the Province of Ontario, Canada.

4. Defendant, Pliteq, is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Province of Ontario, Canada.

Jurisdiction and Venue

5. Jurisdiction is appropriate in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1367 as the claims arise under the laws of the United States.

6. In the alternative, Jurisdiction is appropriate in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 as the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000 and is between citizens of a State and citizens or subjects of a foreign state.

7. Venue is appropriate in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391, as a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claim asserted herein occurred in this District, and Defendants are subject to jurisdiction in this District.

8. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Downey because, among other things, Downey was a representative and agent of Ecore, a Pennsylvania business corporation with its principal place of business in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Downey traveled to Pennsylvania in furtherance of his obligations as a representative of Ecore, and Downey raised counterclaims in a related action, *Ecore International, Inc. v. Downey et al.*, Civ. A. No. 11-CV-6813, pending in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

9. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Pliteq because, among other things, Pliteq's website, which advertises products, can be viewed in Pennsylvania, and Pliteq raised counterclaims in a related action, *Ecore International, Inc. v. Downey et al.*, Civ. A. No. 11-CV-6813, pending in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

10. Accordingly, Downey and Pliteq have minimum contacts with Pennsylvania under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution such that it would not offend

traditional notions of fundamental fairness to exercise personal jurisdiction over them in Pennsylvania.

Averments Common to all Counts

11. Ecore is in the business of, among other things, the research, design, manufacture, supply, and installation of a variety of recycled rubber flooring products. Ecore is among the most successful, well-known, and respected designers and suppliers of such products in its industry. Among other things, Ecore and its employees have been accorded wide recognition and honors for its development of flooring products and has developed a well-earned reputation for excellence in the design, manufacture, and installation of such products.

12. Among the products researched, developed, manufactured, and supplied by Ecore are flooring systems, and methods for installation of such systems, that utilize Impact Sound Insulation technology.

13. Ecore filed a United States Patent Application for Impact Sound Insulation with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

14. The Impact Sound Insulation U.S. patent application was successfully prosecuted, and U.S. Patent No. 6,920,723 was issued to Ecore on July 26, 2005.

15. In July, 2007, Ecore filed an application for the reissuance of the U.S. Patent.

16. The Impact Sound Insulation U.S. patent reissuance was approved on or about November 23, 2010. It was reissued as U.S. Patent No. RE41945 ("Reissue Patent"). Ecore owns all rights, title and interest in the Reissue Patent.

17. Ecore also filed a Canadian Patent Application for Impact Sound Insulation with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

18. The Impact Sound Insulation Canadian Patent Application was successfully prosecuted, and Canadian Patent No. 2,398,262 was issued to Ecore on September 28, 2010.

19. U.S. Patent No. 6,920,723, U.S. Patent No. RE41945, and Canadian Patent No. 2,398,262 will be collectively referred to herein as the “Patents.”

Pliteq’s Infringement of the Reissue Patent

20. Pliteq manufacturers, uses, sells and offers for sale products that infringe one or more claims of the Reissue Patent, both literally and under the doctrine of equivalents, and directly and indirectly.

21. For example, Pliteq manufactures, uses, sells and offers for sale GenieMat RST products. Such products infringe one or more claims of the Reissue Patent.

22. Without Ecore’s authorization, Pliteq has been and still is making, using, selling, and offering for sale GenieMat RST products in knowing and willful infringement of the Reissue Patent.

Downey Seeks and Obtains Patents for Intellectual Property Owned by Ecore

23. On August 13, 2015, Defendants filed an Answer to the Amended Complaint and Counterclaims (“Defendants’ Answer”) in a related action, *Ecore International, Inc. v. Downey et al.*, Civ. A. No. 11-CV-6813, pending in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (the “Related Action”)

24. In Defendants’ Answer in the Related Action, Defendants alleged that on July 24, 2012, Downey filed a patent application, Application No. 13/1556,731 (the “731 Application”).

25. Defendants further alleged in their Answer in the Related Action that on October 14, 2013, the '731 Application issued as U.S. Patent No. 8,556,029 (the "'029 Patent") to Downey.

26. Prior to the filing of Defendants' Answer in the Related Action, Ecore had no knowledge of the '029 Patent.

27. Ecore is the rightful owner of the intellectual property underlying the '029 Patent.

28. By seeking and obtaining the '029 Patent, Downey deprived and interfered with Ecore's property.

Count I
For Conversion Against Downey

29. Ecore incorporates the averments of paragraphs 1 through 29, above, as if set forth herein.

30. Ecore is the rightful owner of the intellectual property underlying the '029 Patent, including the original application from which the '029 patent descended.

31. Downey wrongfully applied for and obtained the '029 Patent.

32. By seeking and obtaining the '029 Patent, Downey deprived and interfered with Ecore's property.

33. Downey sought and obtained the '029 Patent without the consent of Ecore.

34. Downey lacked any legal justification for obtaining the '029 Patent.

35. Ecore had no knowledge of the '029 Patent until Defendants filed their Answer to the Amended Complaint and Counterclaims on August 13, 2015.

WHEREFORE, Ecore requests that the Court award to Ecore its costs of suit, compensatory damages, to the extent calculable, punitive damages, and such other relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Count II
Patent Infringement of the Reissue Patent Against Pliteq

36. Ecore incorporates the averments of paragraphs 1 through 35, above, as if set forth herein.

37. Ecore owns the entire right, title and interest in the Reissue Patent.

38. Pliteq has infringed and continues to infringe, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, the Reissue Patent by making, using, selling, and offering for sale within the United States and/or importing into the United States, products that are covered by one or more claims of the Reissue Patent. Such products include Pliteq's GenieMat RST products.

39. Pliteq has induced, and continues to induce, end users of the GenieMat RST products to directly infringe the Reissue Patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b). Pliteq actively induces the end users by, among other things, advertising and promoting on Pliteq's websites functionalities of the GenieMat RST products that are covered by one or more claims of the Reissue Patent.

40. Pliteq has contributed, and continues to contribute, to the direct infringement of the Reissue patent by end users in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(c). Pliteq sells and/or offers to sell within, and or/import into the United States, components or implementing components that are a material part of apparatuses, systems, and/or methods taught by the Reissue Patent, knowing that those components are especially made or adapted for use in infringement of the

Reissue Patent and are not a staple article or commodity or commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use. Such components include the GenieMat RST products.

41. Pliteq's infringement of the Reissue Patent, made with knowledge of the Reissue Patent and the infringement thereof, has been and continues to be willful and deliberate. Pliteq's willful and deliberate infringement entitles Ecore to enhanced damages under 35 U.S.C. § 284 and an award of its attorney fees under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

42. Unless and until enjoined by the Court, Pliteq will continue to infringe the Reissue Patent. Pliteq's infringement is causing and will continue to cause Ecore irreparable harm, for which there is no adequate remedy at law. Under 35 U.S.C. § 283, Ecore is entitled to a permanent injunction against further infringement.

WHEREFORE, Ecore requests that the Court enter a permanent injunction and award to Ecore its costs of suit, compensatory damages, to the extent calculable, punitive damages, and such other relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Demand for Jury Trial

Ecore demands a jury trial on all issues so triable.

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Dated: April 26, 2016

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